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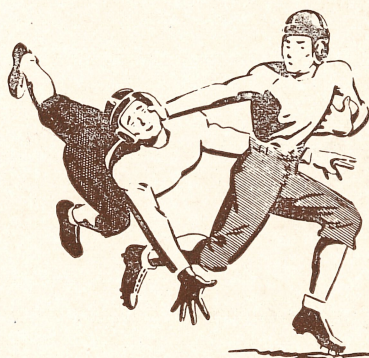
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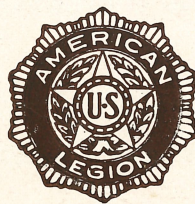


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Preamble to the Constitution *of the American Legion*

For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and good will on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



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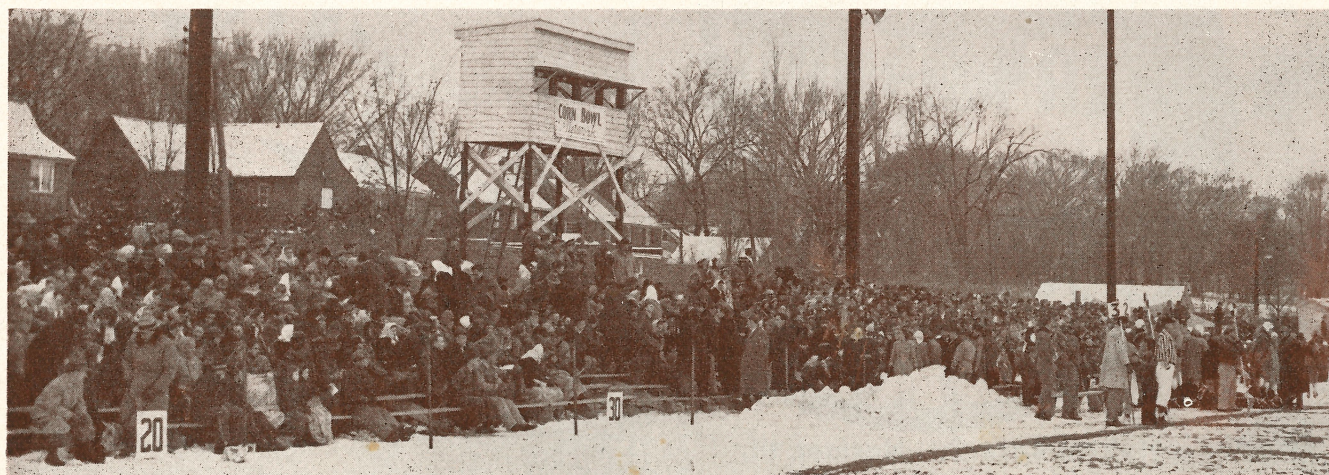


It was just one year ago today that the First Annual Corn Bowl football game was played here in Bloomington, but plans for this great event were formulated in the minds of civic leaders in our community many months before.

Planned as more than just a football game, it was designed to focus the attention of the nation on Bloomington — the capital of the biggest corn producing county in the United States.

Sponsored by the Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 of The American Legion, the first Corn Bowl game was received so enthusiastically in spite of the inclement weather that it will now be a permanent event. The net proceeds of the game today will be used by the Legion to further its Youth Activities Program in a campaign against juvenile delinquency.

Last year despite snow and ice, 30,000 shouting and cheering spectators lined the Bloomington streets on Thanksgiving morning to watch the hour long parade of colorful floats and bands. In the afternoon a hardy crowd braved sub-freezing weather at Fred Carlton Field to see Southern Illinois University trounce North Central, 21-0, to win the coveted Corn Bowl trophy.





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Our hats are off to Comdr. J. W. Scott of The American Legion who is general chairman of this year's Corn Bowl football game. The Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 takes this opportunity to thank Comdr. Scott, his committee and the scores of other individuals who have made this great event successful.

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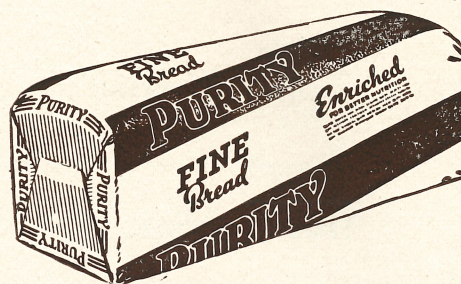
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Legionnaires in the Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 take an active part in supporting Americanism, because they believe in its doctrines of Liberty, Freedom and Justice for all. They believe in teaching the youth of America what the American way of life means . . . and how it must be defended.



Specifically the Legion's Americanism Program promotes understanding of the principles of democratic government; it encourages education through thousands of schools for children and night schools for adults; it takes the lead in disseminating knowledge of and promoting respect for the National Flag; it does important work for the boys of America through Boy Scout activities and junior athletics; it combats revolutionary radicalism and all movements which have for their aim the downfall of America; it strives for the maintenance of the national defenses at a strength sufficient to guarantee the security of the country; it gives sound, practical service in this community, working to make it a better place in which to live.

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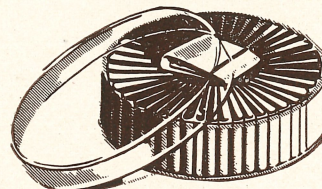
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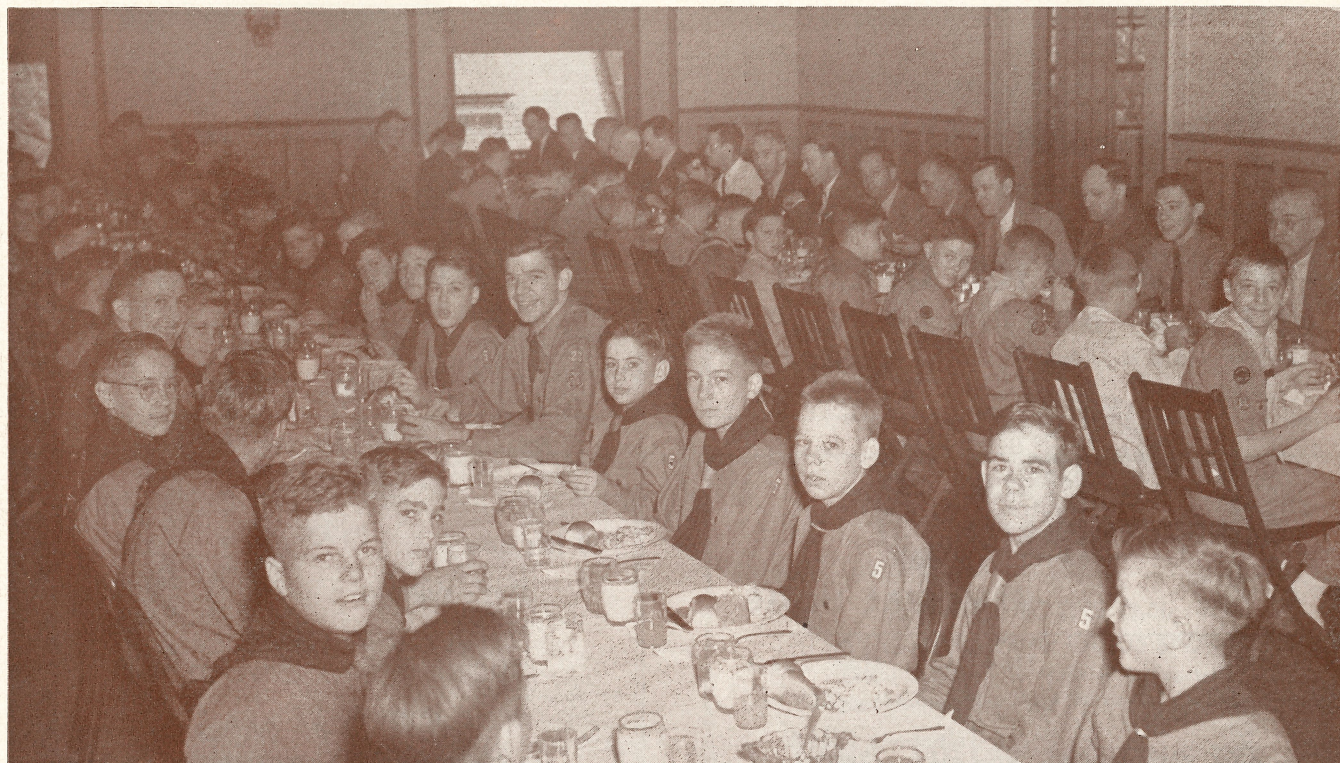
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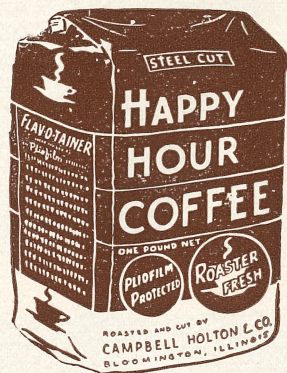
Everyone attending is eligible to compete for the corn cobbler crown, "the original corn bowl." The 1947 champion, Wilbur Willis, downed 28 large roasting ears. In 1948, John Hall won the event, consuming 21 giant ears.

The stag, which features varied entertainment, serves as a kick-off for Annual Legion membership drives.



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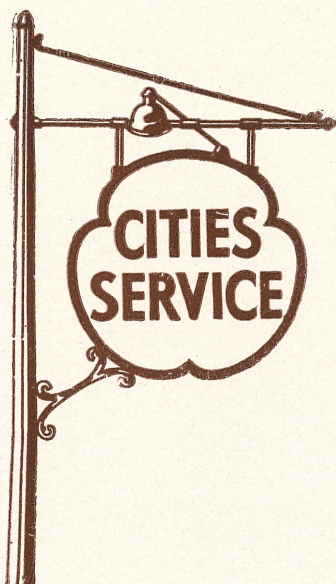
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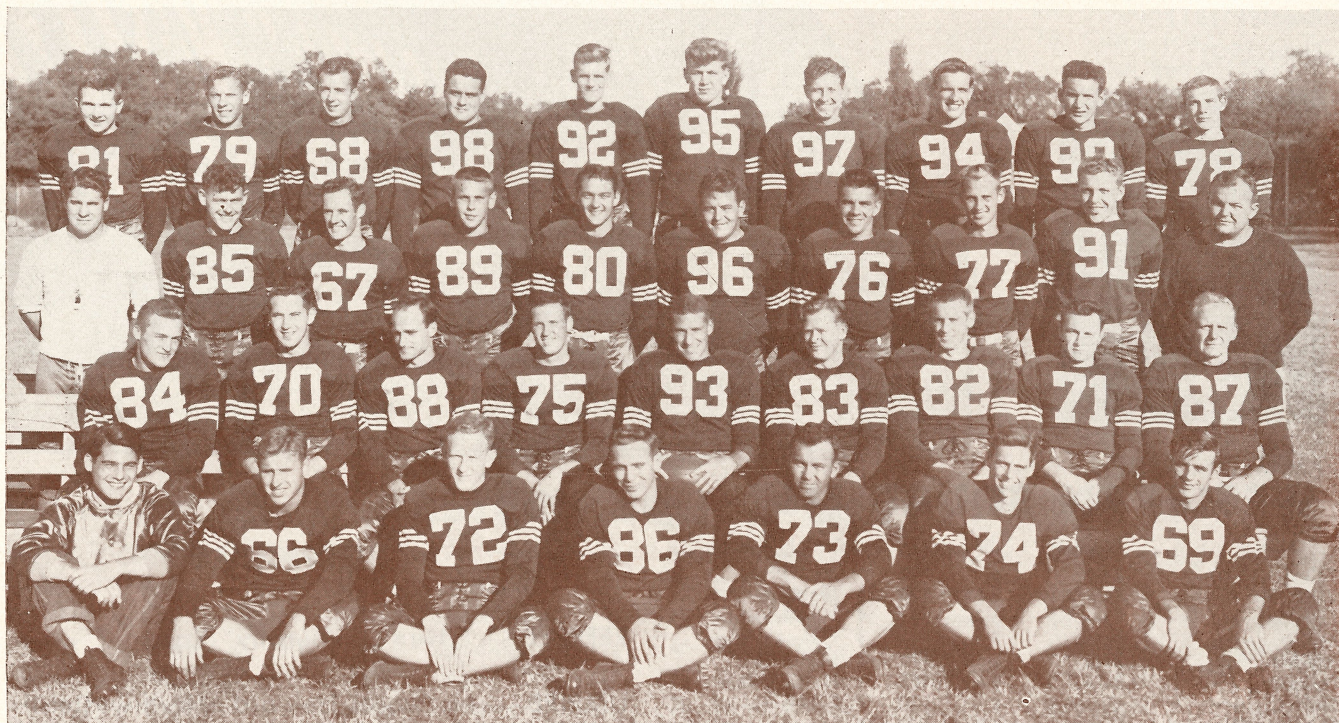
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Enrollment reached a total of 135 men in the first year of school work at Illinois Wesleyan University which began approximately one year after the founding of the institution in 1850. In 1870 Wesleyan became a coeducational school. Hedding College of Abingdon was united with the University in 1928.

Through an evolutionary process, various courses have been added to the original College of Liberal Arts roster, until, in 1947, a College of Fine Arts was formed which includes separate schools of music, art and dramatics. Present Wesleyan enrollment is 1286 students.



FRONT ROW, left to right: Mgr. Schulman, Polovich, Smiley, Gross, Osness, Bird, Begley. SECOND ROW: Clemens, Baechler, Rodino, Hawkins, Capt. Brown, Hill, Fraser, Martin, Casey. THIRD ROW: Coach Bertagnoli, Willhoite, Stuckey, Larson, Blanchard, Eddy, Plotch, Meng, Perucca, Coach Morrow. BACK ROW: Bradley, Desormey, Lush, Kearney, Bennett, Mergen, Keller, Friberg, Finks, Harold Bennett.



Bob (Big Bustem) Morrow is in his second year as football coach of the Titans. He has realized his dream to return to his Alma Mater as coach. After graduating from Wesleyan, Morrow played three seasons with the Chicago Cardinals and one season with the New York Yankees professional football teams. He was born in Chicago Heights, is 30 years of age, married and the father of three children.

WESLEYAN'S SEASON RECORD

	Wesleyan	Opponent
Shurtleff	20	14
Wheaton	20	6
Elmhurst	26	0
Indiana State	0	6
Illinois College	33	6
Carthage	21	13
DePauw	0	7
Millikin	27	6

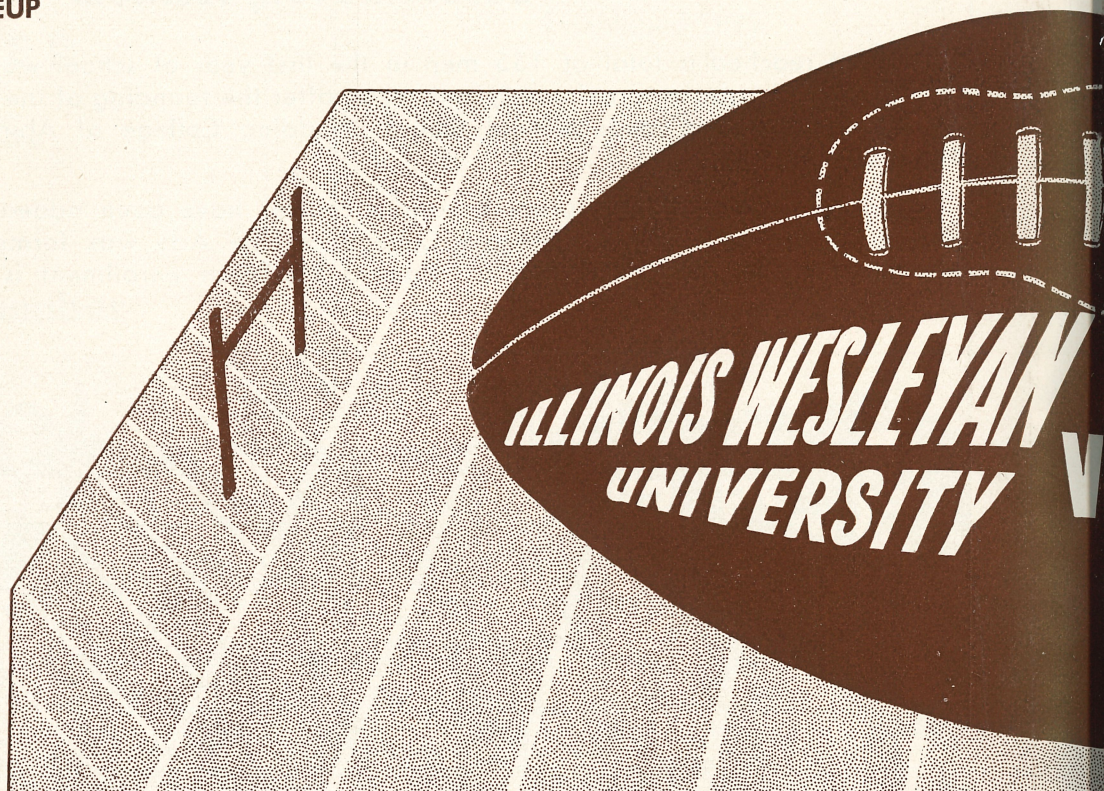
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WESLEYAN'S PROBABLE LINEUP

LE Hawkins (75)
 LT Keller (97)
 LG Blanchard (80)
 C Brown (Capt.) (93)
 RG Clemens (84)
 RT Mergen (95)
 RE Bennett (92)
 QB Larson (89)
 LH Polizos (71)
 RH Bradley (81)
 FB Finks (90)



Capt. Curt Brown



WESLEYAN SQUAD LIST

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown
66	Polovich, Louis	Back	6	170	1	Mt. Olive
67	Bauer, Ray	Guard	5-10	180	3	Ingleside
68	Lush, Robert	Back	6-2	160	4	Woodstock
69	Begley, Jack	Back	5-9	160	1	Holyoke, Mass.
70	Baechler, Gib	Back	5-10	170	3	Momence
71	Polizos, Gus	Back	5-8	165	1	Norfolk, Va.
72	Smith, Marvin	Center	6	170	1	Robinson
73	Osness, Bill	Guard	5-9	170	4	Morris
74	Bird, Carlton	Guard	5-9	163	1	Waterbury, Conn.
75	Hawkins, Jack	End	6	175	2	Ridgefarm
76	Ploch, Gus	End	5-11	175	2	Dearborn, Mich.
77	Meng, Al	Back	5-11	170	1	Pontiac
78	Bennett, Harold	End	6	175	1	Robinson
79	Desormey, James	End	6	180	3	Chicago
80	Blanchard, Townsend	Guard	6	180	4	Centralia
81	Bradley, Gerald	Back	6	175	4	Homewood
82	Fraser, Warren	Guard	5-11	175	2	Homewood
83	Martin, Don	Back	5-8	170	2	Dearborn, Mich.
84	Clemens, Don	Guard	6	180	1	Ottawa
85	Willhoite, Byron	Back	5-10	195	1	Pontiac
86	Gross, William	Back	5-10	175	1	Gibson City
87	Casey, Gene	Center	5-10	195	3	Chicago
88	Rodino, John	Back	5-7	160	4	Pontiac
89	Larson, Don	Back	5-11	185	3	Princeton
90	Finks, William	Back	6-1	195	4	Salem
91	Perucca, Frank	End	6	195	3	Morris
92	Bennett, Hendry	End	6-4	185	4	Harvey
93	Brown, Curt (Capt.)	Center	5-10	180	4	Wilmette
94	Haag, Robert	Guard	5-10	175	1	Farmington
95	Mergen, Mike	Tackle	6-4	230	1	McHenry
96	Eddy, Don	Tackle	5-10	215	2	Bloomington
97	Keller, Ralph	Tackle	6-2	200	2	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
98	Kearney, Herschel	Tackle	6-2	220	4	Gridley

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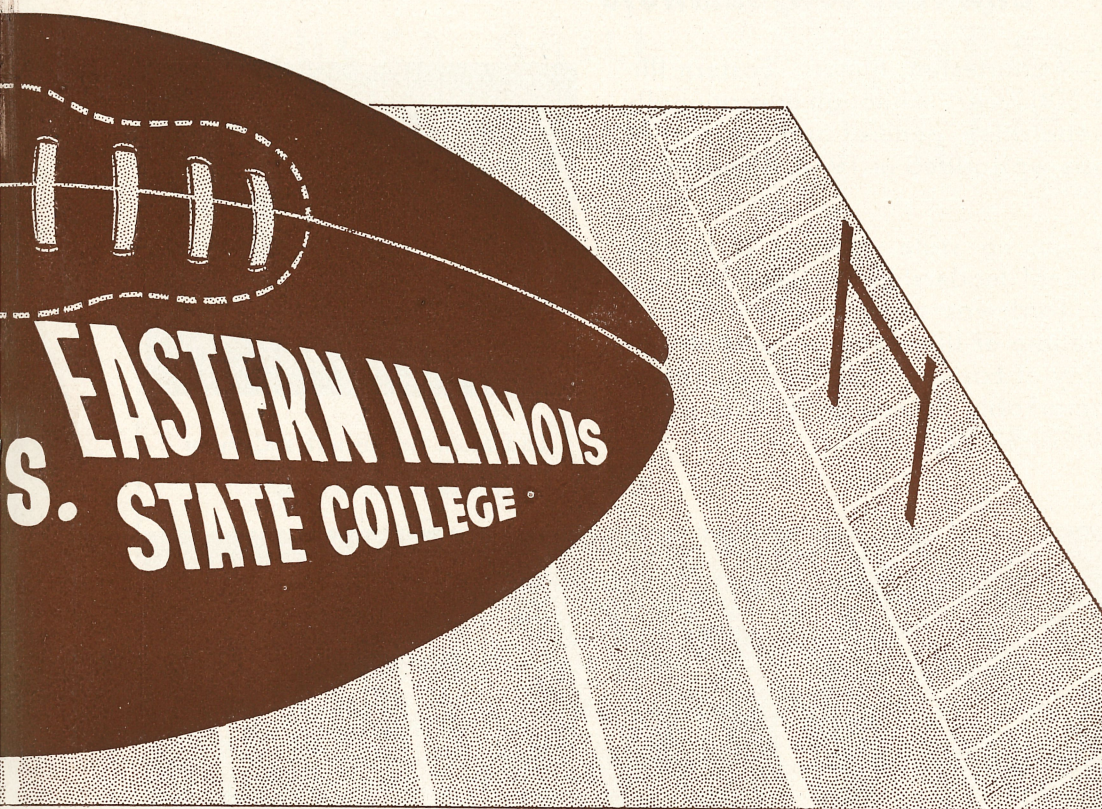
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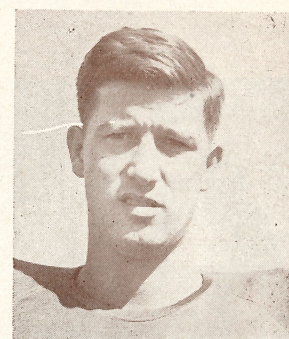
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No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown	No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown
30	Sowinski, John	End	6	170	2	Westville	64	Curtis, Jerry	Fullback	5-11	183	1	Charleston
32	Haworth, Robert	End	6-2	180	1	Georgetown	65	Abney, Gail	Halfback	5-9	170	1	Kankakee
33	Decker, Robert	Guard	6-9	175	1	Bradley	66	Scruggs, Gene	Tackle	5-11	195	2	Charleston
34	Ghery, Russell	End	5-9	170	4	Arcola	67	Cox, Lewis	End	6-1	185	3	Charleston
35	Benoché, Earl	Halfback	5-11	170	3	Bradley	70	Barnes, Howard	Guard	5-10 1/2	190	4	Tuscola
36	Boudreau, Howard	Quarterback	5-10	155	3	Kankakee	72	Pitol, Frank	Tackle	6-2	198	2	Collinsville
37	Soergel, Edwin	Quarterback	6	162	1	Glenview	73	Baker, Gerald R.	Guard	6	195	3	Dundas
38	Park, Peall	Center	5-10	160	2	Georgetown	74	Horsley, John	Tackle	6-1 1/2	207	2	Tuscola
40	Snapp, William	Guard	5-11	175	3	Mattoon	75	Stivers, Louis	Center	6-1	202	4	Olney
42	Perry, Richard	Halfback	5-10	155	4	Charleston	76	Smith, Robert	Halfback	5-8	187	1	Los Angeles
43	Eichorst, Jewell	Guard	5-10	170	1	Olney	77	Howard, Michael	End	5-11	190	2	Charleston
46	Bauler, Harry	Fullback	5-11	190	1	Wheaton	78	Sink, Robert	Tackle	6-1	192	4	Mattoon
47	Johnson, Donald	Halfback	6	185	4	Charleston	79	Bell, Jerry D.	Tackle	6	190	3	Charleston
48	Childress, Clarence	Halfback	5-9	170	2	Mooseheart	80	Gross, Charles	End	6-2	218	4	Tuscola
50	Mizener, Larry	Halfback	5-8	165	2	Lisle	82	Buchanan, Ed R.	Guard	5-9	204	1	Amboy
53	Davis, Richard	Halfback	6	170	1	Casey	83	Dongu, Roman	Guard	5-8	195	2	E. Chicago, Ind.
54	Mills, John	Center	6-2	195	4	Paris	84	Carlyle, Tom	Tackle	6	188	4	Mattoon
55	Wagner, Vern	Fullback	5-10	175	2	Sumner	85	Robertson, Jack	Halfback	5-9	168	3	Benld
56	Hedden, Harry	End	6-1 1/2	183	2	Robinson	86	Crum, William	Halfback	5-8	160	3	Mt. Carmel
57	Adams, John R.	End	5-11	185	2	Charleston	87	Sargent, William	Quarterback	5-7	150	2	Mooseheart
58	Sweet, Virgil	Fullback	5-7	175	3	Covington, Ind.	88	Patridge, Joseph	Quarterback	6-1	180	1	Arcola
59	Fortier, John	Guard	6	190	2	Kankakee	89	Hardin, William	End	5-8	177	1	Gillespie
60	Lopinski, John	Quarterback	5-10	165	2	Georgetown	90	Kruzich, Joe	End	6	165	4	Catlin
62	Tschannen, Morris	Guard	5-11	185	2	Highland	95	Gindler, James	Tackle	6	195	3	Highland
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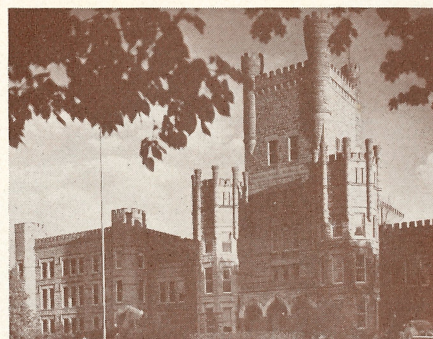
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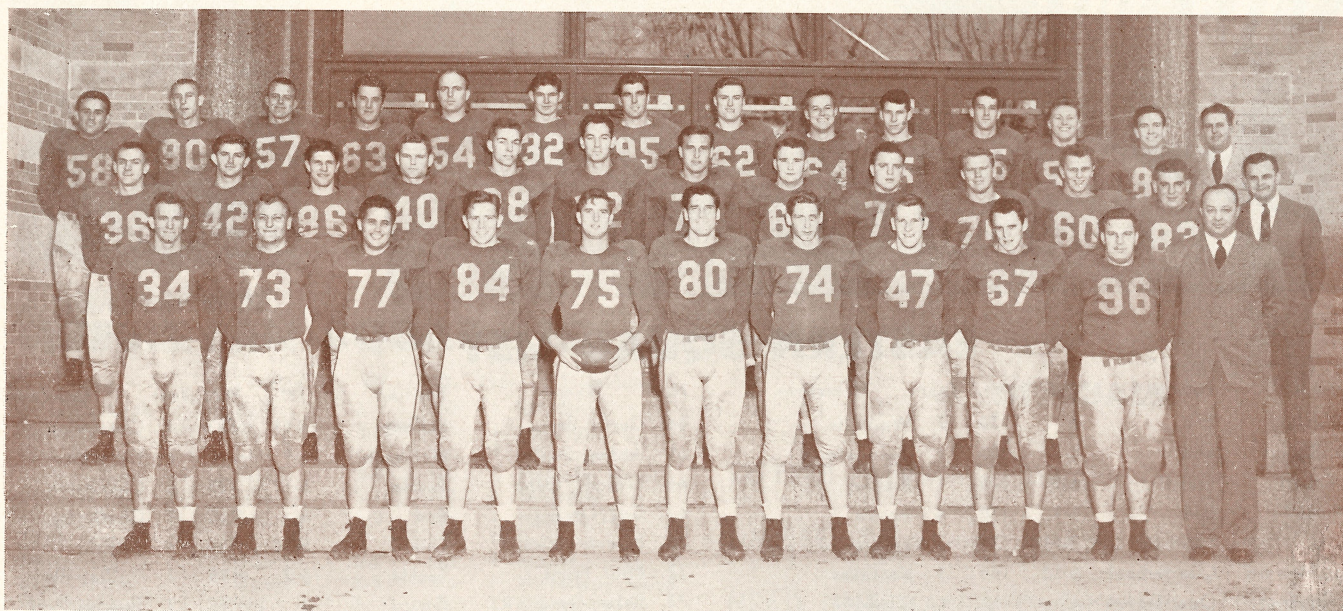
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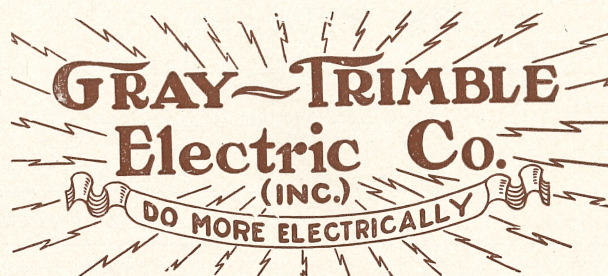
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	Eastern	Opponent
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Eastern Kentucky ..	14	25
Ball State	12	0
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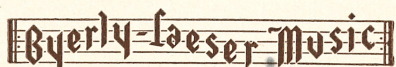
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